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IMPLEMENTATION OF DPEP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the District Primary Eduction Programme;

(b) if so, whether there is any improvement in the existing educational system with this programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi)

(a) : There is an inbuilt mechanism for assessment of the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP).As the programme is launched with a baseline assessment, reviews are continuously made to ensure that the programme reaches its objectives. For this purpose a Joint Review Missionis launched biannually. Besides, Internal Supervision Missions arealso organised where necessary. While considering the Annual Work Plans and Budget the Project Board also takesa review of the progress at the national level and the Executive Committee of DPEP society at state level.

In addition to the above, Mid Term Reviews have been undertaken for phase-I and Phase II districts.

(b) & (c) : The programme has set up 56,000 alternative schools, 26,000 school buildings and 24,000 additional classrooms have been constructed/under construction, trained over 10 lakh teachers, opened 10,000 early childhood education centers and constituted over 2 lakh Village Education Committees.

The enrolment in phase-I districts is near universal. Inphase-II and III overall enrolment has increased from 17 millionin 1997-98 to 19.15 million in 1999-2000. The Repetition Rate has declined from 8.7% in 1995-96 to 5.8% in 1998-99in phase-I. In phase-II, overall repetition rate has declined from 9.1% in 1997-98 to 8.4 % in 1998-99. As per Mid-term Assessment Survey-2000, covering 59 districts in 9 states, overall learning achievement has shown considerable improvement.